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It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I assume the duties and challenges of the President of the **Michigan Reading Association**.

This organization is certainly an innovating and motivating one as we continue to promote and facilitate the work of local councils, the current philosophy of reading and the responsibility of the various committees. It always amazes me the amount of time and effort so many dedicated professionals are willing to give to promote reading education in our state.

Congratulations to the new board members who will serve the membership this year:

Betty Anne Rowlands
Grand Rapids Public Schools
President-elect

Gwen O'Donnell
Hartland Public Schools
Vice President-elect

Diana Mueller
Forest Hills Schools
Treasurer



Helen Johncock

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Traverse City, Region 2

Cheryl Gruenberg
St. Johns, Region 3

Marlene Bruno
St. Joseph Schools, Region 5

The **Michigan Reading Association** is continuing to grow and interrelate with other educational organizations. The Literacy Statements have been written and are ready for print, a combined effort of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English, the Michigan Association of Speech and Communications and the Michigan Reading Association. Our involvement with the State Department included the Curriculum Review Process booklet based on what current research says about reading. The focus conferences are implications of support between the Press (NIE), the Michigan Optometric Association and the Michigan AEYC, (Vision and Learning Conference) and the Michigan Department of Education, (Administrators Conference). The **MRA** is a vital, working organization and I am proud to be a part of this dynamic group.

As we look to a new year, let us all remember our involvement in the education of today's learner. *"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge,"* said Einstein.